

14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1938

Dear Dr. Krishnan,

Dr. Ramon orthon has written to ask my advice as to the advisability of your accepting the offer made to you recently in the name of our U.C. I have had a talk with him recently. Could you not come up quietly for a day and stay with me, see things without being noticed yourself, and return? There is so much to say that it can't well be said in a letter, and which you should still know before you take a decision.

Banaras Hindu University

With kindest regards,  
yours sincerely,

H. V. Rangaswami

If you please know the  
train by which you  
arrive, I shall meet  
you at that <sup>Benares Cant</sup> station.

14th January 1938

My dear Dr Ramanathan,

Please pardon the delay in replying to your letter of the 10th. My hands have been very full of work these three days, and more over, I wished to see Panditji before I answered the letter. There have been negotiations, I have heard, to bring over to the University a gentleman named Bhargava, who is now a Reader in Physics at Allahabad, and who has been strongly recommended by Dr Sha for the very place, which has been mentioned to Dr Krishnana, and I heard that the matter has even been discussed in the University Executive Council, though no commitment has yet been made. I wished to make sure that the gentleman, who made the proposal to Dr Krishnana was authorised to do so. I therefore thought it best to tell Panditji that an enquiry had been made of me by a third party interested in Dr Krishnana, and it was necessary for me to know, whether any one had been authorised by Panditji to make any proposal to Dr Krishnana, in view of what has been reported about negotiations with Mr Bhargava. Panditji told me that Dr Krishnana's name had been suggested to him, and he was quite willing to have so good a man. I enquired in reply whether Dr Krishnana can get here either the same salary and prospects and facilities for research he now had at Calcutta, and whether there was sufficient financial backing for ensuring it. I explained that Dr Krishnan can stay there till he reaches sixty, and that he is now getting Rs 750. Panditji said that a saving of Rs 750 existed in the budget from the salary of the late Professor Mathur, but he was not clear as to whether there was enough money to provide the necessary equipment for advanced research etc. Ultimately he asked me why Dr Krishnan should not come round to Benares quietly, see things and then come to a decision, and also enable Panditji to realise what might be needed in the way of money for making the laboratory efficient for research. I have therefore written today to Dr Krishnan to come for a day quietly as my guest, see things without being seen himself, and get such information as might well not all go into a letter. Please advise him to do so. I shall tell him unreservedly all I know and can find out, and he can see things for himself and decide. Panditji may not be here, as he is going to start treatment at Allahabad. I would advise Dr Krishnana's not telling any one of his visit, if he proposed to make it. I shall meet him at the station, and see him back in his train.

With kind regards, Yours sincerely,

K. V. Rangaiah